IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
Plaintiff,))
v.) CASE NO. CIV-20-1123-PRW
TWO (2) FIREARMS, THREE (3))
MAGAZINES, AND)
FIFTY-SEVEN (57) ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION,)
Defendant.	j ,

UNITED STATES VERIFIED CIVIL COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE IN REM

Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through Reagan V. Reininger, Assistant United States Attorney, brings this complaint and alleges as follows in accordance with Rule G(2) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a civil forfeiture action against a Ruger American Pistol .9 Caliber Serial Number: 860-54904, Romarm/Cugir DRACO Pistol 762 Caliber Serial Number: DA-3709-15RO, Three (3) magazines, and Fifty-Seven Rounds of Ammunition, that was involved in or used in a knowing violations of 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(2) and (3) are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C §2461(c).

THE PROPERTY IN REM

2. The defendant is Two (2) Firearms, Three (3) Magazines, and Fifty-Seven (57) Rounds of Ammunition (the "defendant property"), which was seized from Derek Lamont Alexander, Jr., Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 18, 2020. The defendant property is presently in the custody of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pursuant to Supplemental Rule G(3)(b)(i), "the clerk must issue a warrant to arrest the property if it is in the government's possession, custody, or control."

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The United States brings this action *in rem* in its own right to forfeit and condemn the defendant property pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C §2461(c). This Court has jurisdiction over an action commenced by the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 1345, and over an action for forfeiture under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(a).
- 4. Venue is properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1355 and 1395 because acts or omissions giving rise to the forfeiture occurred in this district and the defendant property is located in this district.

BASIS FOR FORFEITURE

5. The defendant property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to violations of 18 U.S.C. §924(d) and 28 U.S.C §2461(c) because it is property in the possession of a person whom, at the time of seizure, had an outstanding warrant, is an unlawful user of controlled substance and should a person be convicted of a crime that is in relation to the defendant

property the Court shall enter an Order for Forfeiture in the criminal case as part of sentencing pursuant to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

6. The Defendant property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to:

18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(2) provides that:

It is unlawful for any person who is a fugitive from justice to possess a firearm or ammunition

18 U.S.C § 922(g)(3) provides that:

It is unlawful for any person who unlawfully uses or is addicted to controlled substances, as defined in the section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, to possess a firearm and/or ammunition.

28 U.S.C §2461(c) provides that:

Should a person be charged in a criminal case in violation of an Act of Congress the property may be civilly or criminally forfeitable, and should that person be convicted, the Court shall issue an Order of Forfeiture as part of sentencing, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

FACTS

7. The facts and circumstances supporting the forfeiture of the defendant property are set forth in the Affidavit of Special Agent Brett Williams, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. By reason of the facts set forth and incorporated herein, the defendant property is properly condemned and forfeited to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §924(d) and 28 U.S.C §2461(c).

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the United States requests that the Clerk of the Court issue an arrest warrant *in rem*; that notice of this action be given to all persons known or thought to have an interest in this action; that the Plaintiff be awarded its costs; and that the Court award the Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, Brett Williams, hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury that I am a

Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, that I have

read the foregoing Verified Complaint In Rem and know the contents thereof, and that the

matters contained in the Verified Complaint are true to my own knowledge, except those

matters herein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I

believe them to be true.

The sources of my knowledge and information and the grounds of my belief are the

official files and records of the United States, information supplied to me by other law

enforcement officers, as well as my investigation of this case, together with others.

I hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and

correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 5th day of November, 2020.

Brett Williams, Special Agent

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and

Explosives

<u>AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF</u> COMPLAINT FOR FORFITURE IN REM

- I, Brett Williams, duly sworn, state the following:
- 1. I am a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). I have been employed in this capacity since September of 2003. I am currently assigned to the Dallas Field Division, Tulsa field office of the ATF. I am classified and trained as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer, with federal statutory arrest authority. Previously I was employed as a Police Officer with the City of Tulsa for 6 years. I also received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 2. As a Special Agent with ATF, I am vested with the authority to investigate violations of Federal laws including Title 18, Title 21, and Title 26 of the United States Code. The facts contained in this affidavit were discovered by me or related to me by other Law Enforcement Officers named herein.

Further, your affiant states as follows:

PROPERTY SOUGHT FOR FORFITURE

This affidavit is submitted in support of a Civil Complaint for Forfeiture against the following property:

- Ruger, Model: American Pistol, Caliber: 9mm, Pistol bearing Serial Number: 860-54904
- Romarm/Cugir, Model: Draco, Caliber: 7.62 x 39, Pistol bearing Serial Number: DA-3709-15RO
- 57 Rounds of assorted ammunition

• Three firearms magazines

The assets listed above are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d).

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

- 3. On June 17, 2020, your affiant received an email from Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") Special Agent ("SA") Joshua Martin in reference to Derek Alexander. SA Martin said ALEXANDER had come to the FBI's attention during a protest on June 3, 2020. ALEXANDER was seen with a group of people walking down Peoria Ave in Tulsa, Oklahoma carrying firearms. SA Martin informed your affiant ALEXANDER had a current warrant out of Texas.
- 4. On June 18, 2020, your affiant ran ALEXANDER in the National Criminal Information Center ("NCIC") and verified he had a warrant out of Bell County, Texas. Your affiant contacted Heather with the Bell County Texas courts and was told ALEXANDER did have an active warrant out of Bell County and had not appeared in court.
- 5. On June 18, 2020, members of the Secret Service advance team for The President of the United States asked ATF if they would assist them in making contact with ALEXANDER prior to the President's visit on June 20, 2020 to Tulsa. ATF Tulsa Field Office agents Demaree and Stephens along with Tulsa Police Officer J. McNeal made contact with ALEXANDER at his residence located at 4742 S Harvard Ave Apartment 52, Tulsa, OK. ALEXANDER gave consented to enter his residence and showed SA Stephens the firearm he was seen with at the protest. ALEXANDER also advised he was in possession of a pistol as well in a backpack he was carrying.

- 6. Your affiant arrived and spoke with ALEXANDER after Secret Service completed an interview with him. ALEXANDER admitted he knew he had the warrant out of Texas and that it was non-extraditable. ATF Agents saw, in plain sight marijuana and a smoking device (bong) on the coffee table in the living room and the smell of marijuana was in the air. ALEXANDER admitted he did not have a marijuana card issued by the State of Oklahoma. ALEXANDER stated he was a user of marijuana.
- 7. Agents found 2 firearms, A Ruger, Model American Pistol, 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, serial number 860-54904, and a Romarm/Cugir, Model Draco, 7.62X39 Caliber pistol, serial number DA-3709-15RO, 7.79 grams of marijuana in a zip lock bag, and 57 rounds of assorted ammunition at ALEXANDER'S residence. There were also three magazines in the residence, one with each firearm and a third in a cabinet in the living room.
- 8. Following the seizure of the firearms, ammunition and marijuana your affiant explained to ALEXANDER that he needed to get his warrants taken care of and informed, him that under federal law marijuana was still a prohibited substance under Title 21 U.S. Code.
- 9. On November 3, 2020, your affiant ran ALEXANDER in NCIC and verified he still had a warrant out of Bell County, Texas. Your affiant contacted the Bell County Texas courts and was told ALEXANDER did have three active warrants out of Bell County and had not appeared in court.
- 10. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(2), it is unlawful for any person to possess a firearm who is a fugitive from justice. Additionally, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3), it is unlawful for any person to possess a firearm who is an unlawful user of or addicted to any

controlled substance, as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

CONCLUSION

11. Based upon the information set forth herein, as well as training, experience, and knowledge of this investigation, Affiant has sufficient probable cause to believe that the firearms and ammunition seized in this investigation, were possessed in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(2), 922(g)(3) and are forfeitable pursuant to 924(d).

Brett Williams, Special Agent

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of November 2020.

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, As Reagan V. Reininger, As 300, Tulsa, OK 74119, (S	sistant U.S. Attorney,	r) 110 West 7th Street, S	Attorneys (If Known)			
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